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SERIAL BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Allen F. Loucks announces that today U.S. District Court Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. sentenced Christopher Michael Cline, age 28, of Germantown, Maryland to 188 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release in connection with his guilty plea today to committing 13 bank robberies.

According to the agreed statement of facts presented to the court today as part of his guilty plea, on October 18, 2004 Cline demanded and took \$2,483 from tellers employed by M&T Bank, 10431 York Road, Cockeysville, Maryland. Cline further admitted to robbing 12 additional banks in Maryland as follows: October 15, 2004, Wachovia Bank, 11234 York Road, Cockeysville, \$2,240; October 25, 2004, Citizens National Bank, 6245 Washington Blvd., Elkridge, \$5,168; October 28, 2004, Wachovia Bank, 582 Frederick Road, Catonsville, \$6,861; October 29, 2004, Susquehanna Bank, 4204 Ebenezer Road, Perry Hall, \$3,628; November 3, 2004, Suntrust Bank, 8200 Snowden River Pkwy., Columbia, \$4,510; November 4, 2004, Provident Bank, 6417 Petrie Way, White Marsh, Maryland, \$1,741; November 8, 2004, Sandy Spring Bank, 13300 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, \$2,770; November 10, 2004, Suntrust Bank, 2520 University Blvd.,

Adelphi, \$2,960; November 12, 2004, Chevy Chase Bank, 1126 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, no money taken; November 12, 2004, Suntrust Bank, 12500 Prosperity Dr., Silver Spring, \$1,269; November 13, 2004, Chevy Chase Bank, 14943 Shady Grove Road, Rockville, \$7,100; and November 16, 2004, Sandy Spring Bank, 14404 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, \$12,589. In each instance, Cline admitted that he presented a bank teller with a demand note which implied that he had a gun and insisted on “no dye packs or alarms.”

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Montgomery County Police Department, Howard County Police Department and Baltimore County Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Debra Dwyer.